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Applicant	: Gu et al.
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For	: HIGH POWER SHORT PULSE FIBER LASER
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**Mail Stop Issue Fee**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Office Action date June 1, 2007 as well as in the Corrected Notice of Allowance dated March 16, 2010, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his diligent examination of each of the pending claims and acknowledging the patentability thereof. Applicant wishes to point out that each claim is separately patentable based on the combination of features recited therein and not on any particular feature. Accordingly, to the extent that the Reasons for Allowance group claims together, omit claim elements, add claim elements, or identify purportedly distinguishing features of a claim or a group of claims, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the reasons set forth by the Examiner. Additionally, to the extent that the Examiner's paraphrasing of the subject matter of the claims deviates from the full and complete language recited in each individual claim, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the reasons for allowance.

The Reasons for Allowance characterize the teachings of at least one cited reference. Applicant does not concede the characterizations of these references are complete or accurate, and no acquiescence in these characterizations should be inferred by reviewers of the prosecution history of this application.

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Applicant also notes that the Reasons for Allowance do not identify separate reasons for allowance of each of the dependent claims. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Reasons for Allowance to the extent there is any implication that the patentability of the dependent claims is dependent on, or these claims have the same scope as, the independent claim from which each depends. Patentability of each claim rests on each claim taken as a whole on its own merits.

The claims of the present application may be different in scope than the claims that may be pursued in other applications at least partially owned by the owner of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims directed to any subject matter supported by the present disclosure in any of the other applications, and no disclaimer, disavowal, or estoppel shall be inferred by any reviewers of the prosecution history of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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